GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PALACE ON WHEELS ON OTHER ROUTES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are considering to introduce a "Palace on Wheels" type train as a tourist attraction in any other part of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating therein the names of States and the routes particularly on Madurai − Kodaikanal − Ooty section and Ahmedabad − Udaipur section; and

(c) the time by which it will be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)to (c): Yes, Sir.The Ministry of Railways have received proposals to run luxury tourist trains from the State Government of Karnataka, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh.Approval has been given by the Ministry of Railways to run luxury tourist trains in Karnataka and Punjab.The proposal to run luxury tourist train with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been examined and the State Government have been advised to send a consolidated proposal.The luxury tourist train in association with the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation has been inaugurated on 02.02.2008. No such proposals covering the route of Madurai - Kodaikanal - Ooty section and Ahmedabad - Udaipur section have been received by this Ministry. However, the proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh has mentioned Madurai, as a part of the itinerary.